

STILLWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b).

REGULAR MEETING - October 22, 2019

Present: Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair, Dennis Shupak, Members;
and Pamela Stoddard Administrative Assistant County attorneys Nancy Rhode, Tom English
Others present Shirlee Keffer, Marlo Pronovost, Maureen Davey, Darlene Stockdale, Dennis
Oltrogge, Kathy Shortage, Violet Crumhower, David Small

Pledge: Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: Commissioner Crago asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the agenda with the exception of the minutes from the October 15, 2019 that are not available at this time. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES October 8, 2019 were presented. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the minutes of October 8, 2019. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS Commissioner Crago asked for a motion to approve Claims #103465 through 103583 in the amount of \$241,705.99. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve claims as presented. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Crago announced the County jobs posted currently are as follows:
County Employees Flu shots 10/22/2019 10:30-12:00
Job postings: economic development/Planning Director, Deputy County Attorney,
Civil Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Commissioners
 - a) Courthouse front steps rebid proposal

Commissioner Crago called for a motion, Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to consent to the consent items Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- 1) Human Resources/Finance
 - A) Resolution 2019-47 amending 2019-29 Requesting Distribution of Road and Bridge Safety accountability funds. Commissioner Crago asked for a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2019-47. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
Marlo Pronovost asked what amount of funds were being referred to in the Resolution. Administrative Assistant Pamela Stoddard explained the Resolution was merely an update on wording for Resolution 2019-29 the State required specific wording that was lacking from the prior Resolution in order to distribute funds to the County.
- 2) Road and Bridge
 - A) Bid opening for the Spring Creek, Valley Creek projects were opened. Four bids were received on the two projects. Bids from Oltrogge Construction, Weave Consulting, Rock Solid Excavation, and 406 Excavating were received with options for each project. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to take the bids under advisement and review each bid and award at a later meeting Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Commissioners
 - A) Board Appointments Library Board and Board of Health
Commissioner Crago announced that the Board had received one application for appointment to the Library Board and one application for the Board of Health. Commissioner Crago is pleased call for the motion to appoint Linda Halstead-Acharya to the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2023, and reappoint Michelle Fleming to the Board of Health for a 3-year term. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the appointments. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously

- B) Public Hearing RSID #9 Absarokee Sewer District Commissioner Crago opened the hearing at 9:16 and explained the meeting was to hear any protests or support for the RSID#9. Commissioner Crago asked for any proponents of the project, with none heard he then asked for opponents. Commissioner Crago stated that four written comments representing 8 parcels within the Sewer District. Commissioner Crago asked those present for any other opposition. Violet Crumhower of 16 Davis Street stated she has a problem with the cost. Dennis Oltrogge of 122 North Montana Ave stated that he would like to know if all funding options have been exhausted. He would like to know why metal mines impact money is not being used? Why taxes will be raised to build a new Library but not to pay for the Absarokee Sewer and why is the system being built to sustain 80 more homes. Mr. Oltrogge doesn't believe Absarokee will ever see that much growth. Collette Anderson of Great West Engineering stated that the growth was based on the existing permit and what was required by the State. The project is required to consider potential growth for the proceeding 20 years. Commissioner Crago answered the question as to funds being used for the project. Mr. Crago explained no new taxes are proposed for the Library proposed plans and Metal mine monies cannot be used for projects such as the Sewer system. Rural Special Interest Districts are meant to fund themselves with monthly fees and yearly assessments. Unfortunately, rates were kept so low for so long it did not account for any upcoming upgrade or restorations. Kathy Shortridge stated that her sister lives at 210 North Montana Ave stated that her sister lives on a limited income of \$14,000 per year and could not afford the added cost for the project.
- Commissioner thanked those present for their participation in the public hearing and stated that the public hearing would remain open until November 5 to consider all comments heard today and the written comments received
- C) Resolution 2019-48 Creating RSID #9M replacing RSID #5 and #7 Commissioner Crago asked for a motion to table Resolution 2019-48. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to table the item Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously

Public Comments: David Smalls stated that he has been researching some things within the Beartooth front proposal and believes that the submitted proposal for Zoning is asking the Board to bypass a levy and supersede State law. Mr. Small wanted to make sure the Board was aware. Commissioner Crago thanked Mr. Small for the information and stated that there is still no recommendation before the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Committee.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the regular meeting at 9:32 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/
Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman
ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder